Nexus between FPS and black marketeers

2041. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that diversion of foodgrains from Fair Price Shops to open market and nexus between FPS owners and black marketeers is rampant in various parts of the country.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have constituted any machinery to curb such activities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of cases detected by that machinery during current year and the penalty imposed on FPS oowners found guilty of the malpractice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUBANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Public Distribution System (PDS) is implemented under the joint responsibility of Central and State Governments. While the Cenral Government is responsible for procuring and making available the essential commodities in bulk to States. The responsibility for their distribution lies with the respective State Government. Diversion of foodgrains from fair price shops to open market, if any, is detected by the State Government/UT Administration and necessary corrective measures taken by them. State Governments have been empowered under Essential Commodities Act, 1955, and Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980 to take suitable measures to curb such activities.

(c) At Government of India's level there is no machinery for the purpose.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.

चावल के केन्द्रीय पूल स्टाक के आकड़ों में अन्तर

2042. **प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा :** क्या **खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामले** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उनके मंत्रालय और भारतीय खाद्य निगम द्वारा चलाए गए चावल के केन्द्रीय पूल स्टाक से संबंधित आंकड़ों में भारी अंतर है ;

(ख) क्या सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के अन्तर्गत 1400 करोड़ रूपये मूल्य के चावल के गायब होने का अंदेशा है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में स्टाक की जांच-पड़ताल करने और विशेष लेखापरीक्षा करने के आदेश दिए हैं ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो स्टाक की जांच-पड़ताल कब तक पूरी हो जाएगी ?

खाद्य तथा उपभोक्ता मामलों के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह): (क) जी, हां

(ख) जी, नहीं। भारतीय खाद्य निगम के गोदामों से चावल के गायब होने की परिकल्पना इस आधार पर की गई थी कि खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामले मंत्रालय तथा भारतीय खाद्य निगम ने स्टाक संबंधी स्थिति बताने के लिए जो पद्धति अपनाई थी, उस पद्धति में अन्तर था। तथापि, इन विसंगतियों का समाधान किया जा रहा है।

(ग) जी, हां। सरकार ने नियंत्रक तथा महालेखापरीक्षक द्वारा केन्द्रीय पूल के खाद्यान्न स्टाक की विशेष लेखापरीक्षा के आदेश दिए हैं।

(घ) स्टाक लेने की प्रक्रिया और लेखापरीक्षा के सितम्बर, 1997 के अंत तक पूर्ण हो जाने की संभावना है।

Newsitem "Wheat stock may fall short by 2.9 MT"

2043. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned

"wheat stock may fall short by 2.9 mt." appeared in The Hindustan Times dated July 14, 1997;

(b) the quantity of wheat produced/ procured by Government during last and the current season and the quantity actually supplied;

(c) whether it is a fact that the FCI granneries across the country are empty;

(d) if so, the status of the wheat stock as on date;

(e) the quantity of wheat supplied through PDS during last three months, State-wise; and

(f) the quantity of wheat estimated by his Ministry to be imported this year and whether the process has begun?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUBANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Production of wheat during last two crop years (July—June) is given below:—

(*In Million Tonne*)

1995-96	62.62(P)
1996-97	68.71(P)

(P : Provisional)

The quantity of wheat procured for the Central Pool and the offtake of wheat from the Central Pool during the last and current year is given below:—

(*In Million Tonnes*)

Year	Quantity of wheat procured	Off take from the Central Pool
1996-97	8.18	13.33
1997-98	9.27 (Upto 4th Aug. '97	2.01 (Upto 30-6-97)

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The stock of wheat in the Central Pool as on 1-7-1997 is estimated at 10.99 million tonnes.

(e) A statement indicating state-wise offtake of wheat during the last three months is given in the Statement. (See below).

(f) Government have decided to import upto 2 million tonnes of wheat during 1997-98, against which STC has finalised contracts for import of 1 million tonnes from Australia in the first instance. Government constantly review the stock position of foodgrains in the Central Pool with reference to production of foodgrains in the country, procurement trend, internal availability of foodgrains, requirement for PDS, foreign exchange reserves, price trends in the national and international market etc., and decision regarding import or otherwise of the balance quantity will be taken at the appropriate time depending on the emerging situation.

Statement

Offtake of wheat from central pool for public distribution system

(WHEAT—1997)

(Prepared on 07-07-1997) (in '000 Tonnes)

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Apr' 97	May' 97	June' 97	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11.70	14.30	6.21	32.21
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.10	0.50	0.59	1.19
3.	Assam	16.70	36.50	17.72	70.92

1	2	3	4	5	6
4.	Bihar	33.10	40.50	22.88	95.48
5.	Delhi	52.40	56.50	34.98	143. 8
6.	Goa	2.50	2.60	1.72	6.82
7.	Gujarat	34.30	83.70	36.98	154.98
8.	Haryana	14.90	10.30	5.12	30.32
9.	Himachal Pardesh	10.10	13.80	6.80	30.70
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	19.40	28.40	11.64	59.44
11.	Karnataka	26.90	27.00	14.77	68.67
12.	Kerala	32.70	45.90	20.55	99.15
13.	Madhya Pradesh	26.50	38.00	29.50	94.00
14.	Maharashtra	67.60	97.90	72.67	238.17
15.	Manipur	2.80	4.46	1.71	8.91
16.	Meghalaya	2.20	4.80	2.13	9.13
17.	Mizoram	1.20	2.50	1.05	4.75
18.	Nagaland	1.00	0.90	2.12	4.02
19.	Orissa	37.30	66.40	0.00	103.70
20.	Punjab	5.20	1.90	0.08	7.18
21.	Rajasthan	76.10	86.30	21.83	184.23
22.	Sikkim	0.50	0.70	0.50	1.70
23.	Tamil Nadu	11.70	22.40	0.78	34.88
24.	Tripura	1.90	1.30	1.28	4.48
25.	Uttar Pradesh	82.60	91.60	58.86	233.06
26.	West Bengal	37.30	77.50	59.13	173.93
27.	A & N Island	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.10
28.	Chandigarh	1.60	1.00	0.16	2.76
29.	D & N Haveli	0.00	0.00	Neg.	0.00
30.	Daman & Diu	0.00	Neg.	Neg.	0.00
31.	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.60	0.00	0.60
32.	Pondicherry	0.00	Neg.	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL :	610.40	858.20	431.76	1900.36
	CRP/BSF	2.30	2.30	2.26	6.86
	Defence	4.10	9.40	0.00	13.50
	Bhutan	Neg.	2.60	11.58	14.18
	GRAND TOTAL (ALL-INDIA) :	616.80	872.50	445.60	1934.90

(P) — PROVISIONAL (Neg.) — Below 50 Tonnes